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SECDEF FOR SECRETARY BROWN

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OSAF FOR MR. KEEGAN

DSAA FOR GEN FISH
WPAFB FOR BG ABRAHAMSON

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REF: DSAA/TS 5434 170024Z FEB (NOTAL)

1. MEETING WITH SECRETARY BROWN, 1630 HRS, TUESDAY 22 FEB
IS ACCEPTABLE TO MINISTER VANDEN BOEYNANTS. MINISTER VANDEN
BOEYNANTS PREFERS TO MEET WITH SECRETARY REED AM 23 FEB
VICE AM 24 FEB.

2. MINISTER VANDEN BOEYNANTS PLANNING TO DEPART BRUSSELS SUNDAY 20 FEB VIA CIVILIAN AIRLINE. PARTY WILL CONSIST OF MINISTER VANDEN BOEYNANTS, GENERAL DEDEURWAERDER, BAF; COLONEL LEFEBVRE, BAF ASSISTANT CHEF DE CABINET AND POSSIBLY ONE ADDITIONAL OFFICER FROM BELGIAN AIRSTAFF. MINISTER VANDEN BOEYNANTS' VISIT WILL BE ARRANGED BY BELGIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON. MINISTER HAS INDICATED THAT AS HIS ARRIVAL IS ON SUNDAY, HE WOULD PREFER THAT ALL ARRANGMENTS FOR HIS VISIT BE HANDLED BY BELGIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS, COL LEFEBVRE SUGGESTS DIRECT CONTACT WITH BELGIAN MILITARY ATTACHIN WASHINGTON.

3. MINISTER VANDEN BOEYNANTS HAS REQUESTED THAT A FRENCH/ENGLISH - ENGLISH/FRENCH TRANSLATOR BE PROVIDED FOR HIS MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON AS HE IS NOT PROFICIENT IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE. GENERAL DEDEURWAERDER SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH; COL LEFEBVRE HAS A STRONG WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH. CAPABILITY OF TOTHER BAF REPRESENTATIVE UNKNOWN.

4. DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH COL LEFEBVRE THIS AM, COL LEFEBVRE WAS ASKED WHETHER VANDEN BOEYNANTS WOULD DISCUSS ANY ISSUE OTHER THAN THE F-16 PAYMENT SCHEDULE WITH SECRETARY BROWN OR OTHERS. COL LEFEBVRE INDICATED THAT THIS WAS THE ONLY SUBJECT MINISTER VANDEN BOEYNANTS PLANNED TO RAISE DURING HIS VISIT. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT FMC CORPORATION (ONE OF TWO PRINCIPAL COMPETITORS, FRANCE IS THE OTHER, FOR PLANNED CONFIDENTIAL

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BELGIAN ARMY PURCHASE OF NEW INFANTRY PERSONNEL AND FIGHTING VEHICLE), WHO HAS LEARNED OF MINISTER VANDEN BOEYNANTS' TRIP, MAY CONTACT THE MINISTER EITHER HERE OR IN WASHINGTON FOR THE PURPOSE OF A MEETING WITH HIM IN WASHINGTON AND/OR A POSSIBLE VISIT TO THEIR FACILITY IN SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA. WILL REPORT FURTHER ON THIS SUBJECT IF ADDITIONAL DATA BECOMES AVAILABLE.

5. COLONEL RICHARD C. LAWRENCE, CHIEF ODC-BELLUX, PLANS TO DEPART BRUSSELS MORNING 18 FEB FOR WASHINGTON. WILL ARRIVE PANAM 107 1530 LOCAL DULLES AIRPORT. WILL CONTACT DSAA UPON ARRIVAL. COL LAWRENCE WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGH PM 21 FEB FOR CONSULTATIONS IF REQUIRED. COL LAWRENCE PLANNING TO DEPART FOR DAYTON 1525L 21 FEB TO ATTEND F-16 STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 22-23 FEB AT WPAFB. WILL REMAIN WASH IF REQUIRED FOR F-16 MEETINGS. RENNER

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